complete. I understand that most of the members have not had sufficient time to table amendments. I would therefore request you, Sir, to postpone the consideration of the Bill.

President: When did honourable members get the final copy?

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Four or five days before.

President: I have got amendments which were given to me at 4-30 P. M. yesterday. I have no objection to allow those amendments, if the general wish of the House is that.

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai: I may submit that I have no objection to adjourn this.

President: It is open to the House to say if they would like to adjourn this or not.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Sir, I move that the consideration of this Bill be adjourned.

President: The motion before the House is that the consideration of the Bill be adjourned.

The motion was put to the vote of the House and carried and the consideration of the Bill was adjourned.

THE TRAVANCORE LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES BILL.

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai: I beg to move that the Travancore Life Assurance Companies Bill as passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly, be taken into consideration.

I am sure that this measure will not at all prove controversial. It is based on the Indian Act. It is proposed to control and regulate Life Assurance Societies working in Travancore.

I shall not take time to explain the various provisions of the Bill but only draw the attention of the honourable members to one provision in this Bill which will particularly interest them at this time of the day. That is contained in Clause 40 (*d*), which says that Our Government may make rules to

> "provide that any portion of the investments of any Life Assusance Company carrying on business within Travancore shall be in such securities as may be notified by Our Government in that behalf in Our Government Gazette."

There is no provision like this in the corresponding Indian Act. The Assembly has introduced it, because there is a growing feeling that the funds collected by Life Insurance Companies as premiums should go to the benefit of the country and they should if possible be invested to the benefit of the country. This is particularly interesting when we remember what the Dewan said this morning regarding the establishment of a Central Bank and the industrial progress of the country. I trust that the House will accept the meeasure.

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Mr. K. George : I second it.

President : The motion before the House is that the Travancore Life Assurance Companies Bill be taken into consideration.

The motion is carried. As no amendments are coming, the Bill may be taken up now.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : Under the rule we find that

> "On the day on which such motion is made or on any subsequent day to which the discussion is postponed, the principle of the Bill and its general provisions may be discussed, but the details of the Bill must not be discussed further than is necessary to explain its principles."

Under this rule, I submit, we are not entitled to a further consideration of the Bill. We are not entitled to go into the Clauses.

President : I may say that it is open to the House to come to a conclusion. But as there are no amendments the mere point of adjourning the Bill to another day, does not take the matter any further. But if the matter is insisted upon, I shall make a ruling.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : I submit that the provision is imperative, that the details shall not be discussed.

President : I think in view of the point of order that has been raised I have to rule that the discussion cannot take place to-day. Law Member, have you got to say anything on it ?

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : The Chair has given a ruling.

President : No, it has been pointed out that the honourable member made an inaccurate statement of the rules and I am entitled to ask for assistance of the Law Member and I do so.

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai : There is no rule to the effect contended for by Mr. Paramesvaran Pillai. The motion that I made was that the Bill be taken into consideration. That has been put to the vote of the House and carried. The only question now is whether you are entitled to put the Clauses one by one to the House. This is governed by the provision appearing in paragraphs 112 and 113 of the Manual which reads thus :—

> "On the day on which such motion is made or any subsequent day to which the discussion is postponed the principle of the Bill and its general provisions may be discussed, but details of the Bill must not be discussed further than is necessry to explain its principles."

That discussion is now over. But it is laid down that :—

> "any member may move as an amendment that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee, and, if such motion is carried, the Bill shall be referred to a Select Committee, and the Standing Orders regarding Select Committees on Bills originating in the Chamber shall then apply".....

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We are not concerned with all this just now. Then comes the material provision :

"If the motion that the Bill be taken into consideration is carried, the Bill shall be taken into consideration, and the provisions of the Standing Orders of the Chamber regarding consideration of amendments to Bills and the subsequent procedure in regard to the passing of Bills shall apply."

So then, Sir, the provision of Rule 41 requires that if the motion that the Bill be taken into consideration is carried, the Bill shall be taken into consideration. I submit therefore that the Bill has now to be taken into consideration and that means consideration, clause by clause.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : The Law Member evidently forgets that the provisions that I read over to this House and the provisions that the Law Member read out are the same, *viz.*, those contained in paragraph 113 and Rule No. 39.

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai : No ; that is not the provision.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : Even following the rule now laid down by the Law Member may I point out that on the day on which the motion is made or on any subsequent day, the details must not be discussed further than to explain the principle of the Bill.

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai : The rule is that if the motion that the Bill be taken into consideration is carried, the Bill shall be taken into consideration, etc. There is no escape from it, unless it is put away by a motion for adjournment. In fact the practice here and in every other similar Chamber is that immediately after the motion for consideration is carried, the Clauses of the Bill *are* taken up for consideration.

President : Any one wishing to speak ?

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : We have received the Bill only very late and have no time.....

President : It is not a matter of point of order. On the point of order, I think I have now the materials before me to give a ruling and I proceed to do so Turning to the rules it would be found that rule 36 relates to Bills which have been passed in the originating Chamber. Rule 36 reads :—

"Every Bill which has been passed by the originating Chamber shall be sent to the other Chamber, and copies of the Bill shall be made available to the members of that Chamber".

Then, after the copies have been made available —

"any member acting on behalf of Government in the case of a Government Bill, or, in any other case, any member may give notice of his intention to move that the Bill be taken into consideration."

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[President.]

Rule 38 says :—

"On the day on which the motion is set down in the list of business which shall, unless the President otherwise directs, be not less than three days from the receipt of the notice, the member giving notice may move that the Bill be taken into consideration."

Then comes Rule 39 :—

"On the day on which such motion is made or on any subsequent day to which the discussion is postponed, the principle of the Bill and its general provisions may be discussed, but the details of the Bill must not be discussed further than is necessary.....".

That means that when the discussion takes place with regard to the motion for consideration a certain amount of general discussion must take place. The words "on the day on which the motion is made or on any subsequent day to which the discussion is postponed," refer to the motion for consideration. In other words, when the motion for consideration is made and during the consideration of that motion the principles of the Bill must be discussed and the details must not be discussed. When that stage has been passed the Bill shall be taken into consideration. It is stated that

"if the motion that the Bill be taken into consideration is carried the Bill shall be taken into consideration and the provisions of the Standing Orders regarding consideration of amendments to Bills and the subsequent procedure in regard to the passing of Bills shall apply".

Taking all these rules together, I think, the point of order taken by the honourable member is not correct. We are entitled to deal with the clauses.

The question that Clauses 1 to 41 do stand part of the Bill was then put to vote and carried and the Clauses were added to the Bill. The Preamble was put to vote and carried and added to the Bill.

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai : Sir, there are the Schedules.

President : The motion before the House is that the Schedules I to VI stand part of the Bill.

The motion was put to vote and carried and the Schedules I to VI were added to the Bill.

Ths Title was then put to vote and carried and added to the Bill.

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai : I move that the Bill be passed.

Mr. K. George : I second it.

The motion that the Bill be passed was put and carried.

The Bill was passed.

THE TRAVANCORE AGRICULTURISTS' RELIEF BILL.

President : We shall now go on with the Travancore Agriculturists' Relief Bill.

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